

REMARKS

I. **Comments on Office Communication dated August 20, 2009**

Applicants have reconsidered their previous suggestion of an interference pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.202(a) in this application and amended the claims to expedite its passage to allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to potentially interfering subject matter in one or more continuation applications.

II. **Allowed Claims**

Applicants have cancelled claims 337-341 and added new claims 342-389, identical in scope to allowed claims 71-72, 74-78, 81-92, 95-125, and 166-173, previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer on December 17, 2008. In view of the foregoing, after entry of the Amendment, claims 335-336 and 342-389 will be pending, with claims 335, 342, and 382 being independent claims. The application as now presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

Nothing in this paper should be construed as intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify any concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number indicated below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 141270.

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Respectfully submitted,

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